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Mansfield Calls Parley On Supervision of CIA

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Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) has called a meeting for this morning in a last-minute effort to work out a compromise in the struggle over Senate supervision of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Called to meet with Mansfield are Foreign Relations Committee Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), chairman of the present CIA watchdog group and Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.), sponsor of the resolution which would create a Committee on Intelligence Operations by adding three Foreign Relations members to Russell's group.

Fulbright served notice last week that he would introduce the McCarthy resolution today. Chairman Carl Hayden (D-Ariz.) of the Senate Appropriations Committee, a member of the Russell group, has advised Appropriations members that Russell will move on a point of order to refer the resolution to his Armed Services Committee. Proponents of the McCarthy resolution think such a move would kill it.

Senate sources indicated yesterday that a possible compromise could involve the addition of two senior Foreign Relations members to the Russell group or an announcement that the CIA was willing to brief the Foreign Relations Committee on CIA activities. One of Fulbright's complaints about the CIA is that CIA director William F. Raborn refused to answer questions before his committee earlier this year.

In an interview yesterday, Mansfield said that he hoped "to work out a compromise" because "you don't win on it if you take it to the floor." Mansfield supports the McCarthy resolution.

Even if a compromise is not worked out by Mansfield today, Fulbright and McCarthy may decide to defer introduction of their resolution because many of its supporters are out of town.

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